

Fig. 1. Regional structural uplifts in the Kansas vicinity. Drill sites are numbered in chronological order of drilling. The Midcontinent Geophysical Anomaly is denoted by MGA.

and Green, 1963, 1972; Goldich et al., 1966; Chaudhuri and Faure, 1967; Van Schmus, 1971).

The Nemaha Ridge is a striking tectonic feature which was intermittently active during Paleozoic time. It is certainly a major crustal fracture zone, for mylonitized basement rocks have been brought up from within it, and cataclasis is a common feature along its extent from northeastern Kansas into Oklahoma [Bickford et al., 1981]. The fault zone is upthrown on the western side, forming the feature known as the Nemaha Ridge. The eastern flank of the Nemaha Ridge is bounded by the Humboldt Fault Zone, which has minor microearthquake activity [Stoeples et al., 1979]. Earthquakes as large as Modified Mercalli Intensity VII have occurred along the Humboldt Fault Zone in historic time [DuBois and Wilson, 1978].

The Central Kansas Uplift (Figure 1) is a broad region in which basement rocks have been moved upward and which is characterized by fault zones and cataclasis. The feature is evidently coextensive with the Cambridge Arch in Nebraska. Although the Central Kansas Uplift was active during the Paleozoic, little is known about its Precambrian history. A relatively high level of microearthquake activity (more than 20 events per year larger than magnitude 1) occurs along this structural trend [Stoeples, 1980].

The crystalline crust in the Midcontinent is buried under about 1000 m of sedimentary rocks and is thus mostly known from studies of numerous drill holes [Muehlberger et al., 1966; Goldich et al., 1966; Lidiak et al., 1966; Lidiak, 1972; Bickford et al., 1979; Bickford et al., 1981; Ksvarsanyi, 1980]. The crust in this area is notable for its predominantly granitic composition. Mafic rocks are rare, and metamorphic rocks, though present in many places, are not abundant. A major feature of the crystalline crust in the Midcontinent is its division into a northern terrane, consisting of somewhat deformed and sheared granitic rocks and lesser amounts of metamorphic rocks that occur in northern Missouri, northern Kansas, and Nebraska, and a southern terrane totally dominated by silicic volcanic rocks and associated epizonal granitic plutons. The southern terrane can be traced from northern Ohio across Indiana, Illinois, southern Missouri, southern Kansas, and Oklahoma into the Texas Panhandle. Geochronological studies [Bickford et al., 1981; Denison et al., 1981] indicate that the northern terrane is generally older, with many rocks yielding ages of 1640 m.y. (U-Pb, zircon) to 1740 m.y. (Rb-Sr), whereas the southern terrane varies in age from about 1475 m.y. in the St. Francois Mountains of southeastern Missouri [Bickford and Mose, 1975] to about 1380 m.y. in southwestern Missouri, southeastern Kansas, and Oklahoma [Bickford and Lewis, 1979; Bickford et al., 1981].

Lying upon the crystalline crust in the Midcontinent region is a section of sedimentary rocks ranging from about 150 m in thickness over parts of the buried Nemaha Ridge to as great as 2 to 3 km thick in basins such as the Hugoton Basin of southwestern Kansas and northwestern Oklahoma. The average thickness of the sedimentary rock section in eastern Kansas where our drilling projects were done is about 1 km. The rocks range in age from Late Cambrian to Pennsylvanian or Permian in eastern Kansas, but there is a thick Cretaceous section in central Kansas, and rocks of Tertiary age occur on the western plains. Paleozoic rocks in the Midcontinent region are mostly marine in origin and are dominated by carbonate units and shale.

#### Scientific Results

The authors had significant input as to the location of the holes, and their sites were chosen to maximize potential information from the basement, subject only to the general suitability of the location to the primary mission of the drilling project, i.e., the hydrologic study of the Arbuckle. The legal descriptions and locations of holes drilled are given in Table 1.

Drilling at the first hole (Miami County) was completed on December 10, 1979. Approximately 8 m of 8.7-cm-diameter core of fresh granite was recovered from a depth of 668 to 686 m. This hole was located on a sharp 1000-y circular aeromagnetic high, shown as locality 1 on Figures 1 and 2. The second hole (Douglas County; locality 2 on Figures 1 and 2) was also located on a circular magnetic high with

an amplitude of about 1100 y; drilling was completed on March 19, 1980. Three meters of 10-cm-diameter core of fresh granite was recovered from a depth of 905 to 908 m. The 3 meters represents only 58% recovery of the 5.2 meters cored. We were very fortunate not to lose all of the core, as it started slipping out of the core barrel during the trip up the hole. The core catcher barely hooked the core again and prevented disaster. We were not charged for the core that was lost.

Two additional holes (localities 3 and 4 on Figures 1 and 2) were drilled to depths of 1117 m and 554 m, respectively. Severe lost-circulation problems developed on both of these holes within parts of the Arbuckle Formation, and drilling was halted at that depth because the primary objective of the drilling had been met. Penetration of Precambrian basement at sites 3 and 4 would have cost an additional (possibly very large) undetermined amount of money.

The scientific data we expect to obtain from the drill core and from the geophysical measurements include the following: age, petrography, major and trace element chemical composition, density, and remanent magnetism of the rocks encountered; heat flow; and heat production of the rock material. The holes into basement can be made suitable for hydrofracturing experiments to measure in situ stress, provided future funding becomes available. The holes will be available to other scientists for other experiments within 2 years. Interested individuals should contact the authors of this report.

TABLE 1. Legal Description of Drill-Hole Locations in Kansas

	Location	Total Depth
Douglas County	SE 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec. 13, T12S, R17E	908 m
Labette County	Center of SE 1/4, Sec. 22, T31S, R20E	553 m
Miami County	SE 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec. 18, T18S, R23E	666 m
Saline County	SW 1/4 SW 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 32, T13S, R2W	1117 m

#### Geothermal Gradients

Preliminary thermal logging has been performed on all four holes by personnel from David Blackwell's laboratory at Southern Methodist University. The thermal logging equipment was not capable of reaching the bottom of the holes, so these data should be considered preliminary, pending results from deeper logging. Samples of core or well-cuttings have been sent to Blackwell's laboratory for thermal conductivity measurements. The following geothermal gradients have been measured to date in the four holes drilled on this project:

Location	Gradient	Depth Logged
Douglas County	30.3°C/km	565 m
Labette County	28.5°C/km	520 m
Miami County	36.0°C/km	395 m
Saline County	30.7°C/km	565 m

A final report on thermal logs and heat flow at these sites is available from the authors or from Blackwell.

Preliminary data from Blackwell indicate an unusually high rate of radioactive heat generation, about 11 heat generation units, in the core from the Miami County hole, compared with the 5 to 6 heat generation units for typical granites.

#### Petrographic and Isotopic Studies

The rock samples recovered from coring of Precambrian basement at sites 1 and 2 were studied by Bickford and Vendel J. Hoppe of the Isotope Geochemistry Laboratory of the University of Kansas. The results are briefly summarized below:

**Petrography.** The composition and texture of the rock from Site 1 (Miami County, Kansas; sample MI-4) was de-

## Forum

### Re: 'Hydrology'

R. L. Nace in 'Hydrology Comes of Age' (Eos, 61 (53), 1980), did not mention one rather important contribution to IHD made by the U.S. Work Group on Education and Training.

In 1965 the U.S. National Committee for the IHD established a Work Group on Education and Training, which was emphasized by the U.S. delegation at the 1967 IUGG conference. A detailed outline of a 'Hydrology and Water Resources Syllabus' was developed by L. L. Kelly of the U.S. Agricultural Research Service and presented to the U.S. committee in draft form.

The work group continued to work on the syllabus until 1970, refining and cross referencing entries until a rather complete document was produced. The late Leo A. Helndt, executive secretary for the IHD committee, took a special interest in the 'Syllabus' as a method of focusing attention on the world's need for bringing hydrology into global perspective.

Approximately 3000 copies of 'Hydrology and Water Resources, a Syllabus of References for the Water Environment' were printed by the National Academy of Sciences in 1972 and distributed worldwide through UNESCO.

It is my understanding that several of the IHD training programs conducted in several countries used the subject syllabus as a reference, especially for identifying free literature available from the United States Government Printing Office.

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termined from study of 20 thin sections taken at even intervals along the 8 m of the core. The rock is coarse-grained granite and is composed essentially of microcline-perthite, plagioclase, quartz, biotite, and minor muscovite. Sphene, commonly somewhat altered to leucocene, and magnetite are abundant accessories, and zircon, apatite, pyrite, and fluorite are also present. The rock is not foliated, and the presence of large megacrysts of microcline-perthite is notable.

We made six thin sections from the 3 m of core recovered at site 2 (Douglas County, Kansas; sample DG-3). This rock is also granite, and it is mineralogically almost identical to the sample from Miami County. The principal difference between the two samples is that DG-3 is medium grained and lacks the large microcline-perthite megacrysts which characterize the Miami County core.

**Isotopic Studies.** We measured the U/Pb ages of zircons from both cores by standard methods of isotope dilution and mass spectrometry. Both cores yielded an abundant zircon separate, so we were able to obtain a number of zircon fractions of varying U/Pb ratio for analysis. The results of these age determinations are shown in Figures 3 and 4, in which the data are plotted on 'Concordia' diagrams [Wetherill, 1956].

We analyzed six zircon fractions of the Miami County core, obtaining an age of  $1361 \pm 6$  m.y. (1  $\sigma$ ), and six zircon fractions from the Douglas County core, obtaining an age of  $1339 \pm 12$  m.y. (1  $\sigma$ ). These ages are significantly lower than any previously determined from the Precambrian of Kansas or Missouri. Our previous studies have yielded ages of about 1630 m.y. for cataclastically deformed granitic rocks and a single sample of rhyolite from northern Missouri and Kansas, about 1480–1475 m.y. for rocks in the St. Francois Mountains of southeastern Missouri and isolated plutons in northern Kansas and Missouri, and 1380–1400 m.y. for rhyolites and epizonal granites in southwestern Missouri, southeastern Kansas, and Oklahoma.

## AEROMAGNETIC MAP OF KANSAS

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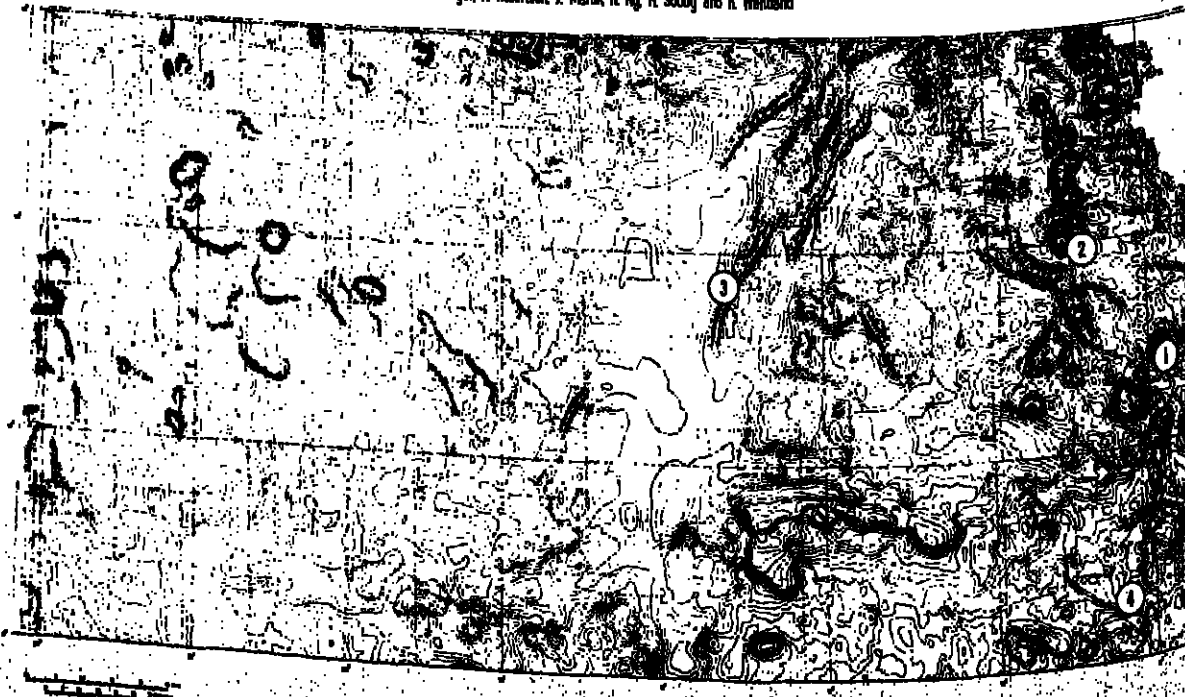


Fig. 2. Aeromagnetic map of Kansas with 50-y contour interval. Drilling sites are shown by the numbers 1 through 4. Drill sites 1 and 2 are located on the maximum aeromagnetic anomaly observed after reduction to the magnetic pole.

The fact that both cores were obtained from drilling on pronounced magnetic anomalies, that both are mineralogically similar and contain rather abundant magnetite and sphene, and that both yield U/Pb ages from zircons that are in the range of 1340–1360 m.y. and are younger than other Precambrian rocks in this region suggests that these rocks are representatives of a suite of Late-Middle Proterozoic intrusives that have distinctive mineralogy and geophysical properties. This contention is borne out by some of our studies of other basement samples. These are summarized below:

1. **Core from Jackson County, Missouri.** Rock is granite that contains abundant magnetite and sphene; texture and essential mineralogy similar to Miami County and Douglas County, Kansas, cores; U/Pb age of zircon suite:  $1365 \pm 10$  m.y.; drilled on large, circular magnetic anomaly.

2. **Drill cuttings from Riley County, Kansas.** Rock is granite but does not appear to have the abundant sphene and magnetite that other samples do; drilled on weak but distinctive circular magnetic anomaly; U/Pb age of zircons:  $1378 \pm 4$  m.y.

We have not yet determined whether this suite of rather distinctive plutons has a distinguishing major element or trace element chemistry, but that will be one of our immediate goals.

#### Administrative Problems

##### Problems in Obtaining Piggyback Funding

The problems we encountered in obtaining the relatively small (\$30,000) additional amount of funding needed to recover core of Precambrian rocks in two holes and perform high-quality heat flow measurements in four holes underscore the need for an official CSDP effort complete with funding. The original drilling money (\$225,000) for the Kansas Geological Survey for the Arbuckle Project was appropriated by the 1978 Kansas Legislature. This was matched by USGS Water Resources Division, Kansas District, dollar for dollar, then increased by a few thousand dollars to provide the total funding needed. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas City District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contributed additional funds, bringing the total to about \$570,000.

When the hydrologic drilling program was first proposed in 1976, we realized the possibility of drilling into the basement to obtain additional scientific information at a relatively small additional cost. It was not until the 1978 legislative authorization occurred that formal attempts were made to secure funding for additional experiments. While in retrospect we could have started our efforts to find additional funding earlier, the funding for the drilling phase of the Arbuckle Project was in doubt until the final days of the Kansas legislative session (April 1978).

Once initial funding of the Arbuckle Project had been authorized, efforts to raise money to drill 60–100 m deeper to reach the Precambrian rocks and obtain bottom-hole core were begun. Several agencies were contacted by telephone prior to sending formal proposals to the National Science Foundation (NSF) and to the National Uranium Resource Evaluation (NURE) program of the Department of Energy. The drilling did not fit the NURE mission closely enough, so the proposal was turned down by NURE reviewers.

The proposal submitted to NSF involved considerable additional cost for hydrofracturing in the Precambrian to measure in situ stress in two holes, for recovery of oriented core from the Precambrian, and for heat flow measurements. The total amount of the proposal was approximately \$145,000, admittedly a large sum for NSF. The proposal was interdisciplinary in nature, encompassing aspects of geology, geochemistry, geochronology, petrology, and geophysics. NSF did not fund our proposal. The consensus of the reviewers' comments was that the scientific goals of our proposal were sound and that 'piggybacking' was a desirable way to minimize the costs of obtaining basement rock samples. However, most of the reviewers questioned whether the scientific return expected was worth the cost.

At this point we were discouraged, and we suspected that the opportunity to obtain basement rock material and geophysical data would be lost. Several months later, however, a colleague at another university suggested that the Geothermal Division of DOE and the geothermal program of LASL might fund part of our proposal. LASL subsequently provided about \$9000 for drilling, and DOE provided about \$20,000 for drilling and heat flow measurements. All other proposed experiments were deleted from the project.

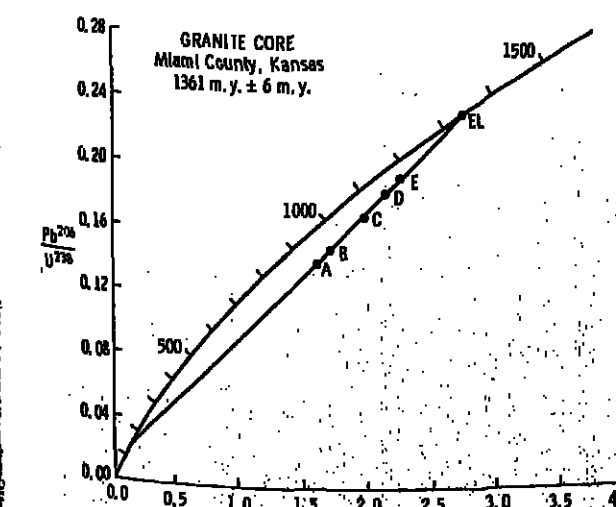


Fig. 3. Concordia plot for zircons from granite recovered at site 1.

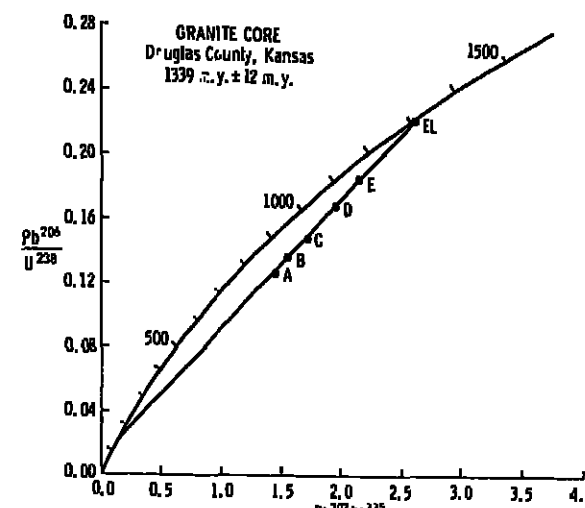


Fig. 4. Concordia plot for zircons from granite recovered at site 2.

#### Necessity for Timely Administrative Action

Strong arguments can be made for the necessity of generating invitations for bids (IFB's) and awarding contracts for expensive undertakings such as reported here. The authors have no qualms about such requirements when scheduling is not a problem and the work can be accomplished in a routine manner. However, there are many occasions when money and time could be saved if the system were more flexible, i.e., consideration should be given to allowing for unique circumstances that frequently arise. Two examples encountered in this program may help to clarify the problem.

The first drilling site was originally drilled as a private minerals exploration test. When the company was preparing to plug the hole, the opportunity was presented to the U.S. and Kansas geological surveys to take over the hole. The authors and U.S.G.S. personnel determined that work consisting of running drill-stem tests, logging, coring of basement rock, installation of casing, and conversion of the hole into a monitor well could have been done with the rig already on the site for approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000.

However, the time required to issue a sole-source contract precluded the possibility of retaining the rig. Consequently it was necessary to generate an IFB and award a contract, a process that took several months.

Potential bidders had trepidation about reentering an existing hole, and this concern was mirrored in the bids that were received. Quotes on the reentry alone were equivalent to costs that could be expected in drilling a new hole. The costs for the portion of the contract that was awarded for site 1 were about \$100,000, at least twice as much as our estimate of costs had we used the rig that was in place at the site.

The second example occurred with regard to site 2. As work was proceeding, a private concern offered to contribute about \$30,000 for 150 m of additional basement drilling and testing. Since this additional work was not outlined in the original contract, we attempted to negotiate a sole-source contract to allow the contractor to drill deeper. We found that the time necessary for price quotes and other paperwork was excessive, especially considering that rig expenses while waiting for a contract were in excess of \$100/hour. On the other hand, if additional basement drilling was put off until the original contract was completed and the rig released, it would have been necessary to write a new IFB and award a new contract. At that point the available funds would not have been sufficient because of remobilization costs for the drilling rig. Again, largely because of lengthy administrative requirements, the work could not be accomplished.

#### Recommendations

##### To Potential Investigators

1. It is obviously advantageous to plan as far ahead as possible and to contact many prospective funding agencies, as well as fellow scientists.
2. While there may not be a practical upper limit on the number of scientists involved in experiments on a project, it is clear that one particular individual must have the authority for immediate on-site action or reaction to problems that arise, including the cancellation of entire experiments if adverse or unusual conditions warrant such action.
3. We found the services of an experienced drilling consultant to be invaluable during the planning stages of our project, since neither of the authors had drilling experience on holes deeper than 300 m prior to this project.
4. Obtain cost estimates from private industry and then double them for budgetary planning. The combination of lag-time between planning and drilling, inflation, and government lawyers' insistence upon a contract that rigidly specified drilling performance resulted in costs to us approximately double those available to private industry.

##### To Funding Agencies

1. Cooperative effort between and among funding agencies enabled us to provide results to several agencies without any particular agency being financially devastated.
2. Contracts should be flexible enough to allow for failure of one or more experiments. Our unsuccessful effort to obtain core on a third hole for LASL was assuaged by returning all of the money to LASL. It is not clear what would have transpired had we spent all the LASL money trying to regain circulation without obtaining the desired core.
3. Proposals for drilling or 'piggybacking' projects should be reviewed by a special interdisciplinary panel that should include some scientists who are familiar with deep

drilling and its risks of failure. Although NSF did not fund our proposal, we were pleased that they convened a special plenary session of their review panels to consider our proposal.

#### To Legislative Bodies

1. We are among those in the scientific community who believe that a well-funded CSDP would be a good investment in future energy and mineral resource evaluation. The scientific results would assist in development of a realistic framework upon which to base future exploration by industry.

2. A scientific piggyback drilling fund should be available somewhere in the federal government (preferably NSF). Administratively, NSF could fund projects involving drilling and related interdisciplinary studies, but the money involved would have to be diverted from other research normally supported by the programs of the Earth Science Division.

3. Flexibility needs to be built into the contracting process in several areas:

a. The capability to take over 'holes-of-opportunity' from industry with a couple of days' notice must be incorporated into the CSDP in order to take advantage of the many thousands of feet of 'free' hole occasionally made available by industry. Controls on this process must be maintained by a highly qualified scientific board rather than by a staff of accountants and lawyers. As a direct result of our experience in this project, the Kansas Geological Survey has received special authorization from the state of Kansas to take over wells from industry and drill deeper or perform experiments. Authorizations are made on a case-by-case basis by telephone, with the constraint that we must have sufficient funds in the budget to cover the expected costs of the additional drilling or experiments. The key to a successful piggyback drilling program in a long-term sense is the capability to act or react spontaneously and almost instantaneously to opportunities.

b. The capability to modify existing contracts rapidly to take advantage of 'bottom-hole money' offered by private industry must be incorporated into the contracting procedure.

c. The differences in drilling rates charged to government agencies, compared to those charged to private industry, are unacceptably high. A thorough study of comparative contractual practices is needed to determine the exact reason for this rate differential.

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### P78-1 Satellite Status

The P78-1 satellite was launched on February 24, 1979, into a 580-km sun-synchronous polar orbit. This U.S. Air Force Space Test Program mission is currently operational and continues to collect important earth and solar-related data.

Gamma ray spectrometers supplied by Lockheed (Palo Alto) measure sources with excellent spatial ( $\sim 100$  km), spectral (3.5 keV FWHM at 511 keV), and temporal resolution (32 ms). Characteristics of energetic particle fluxes in the vicinity of the satellite are also monitored by Lockheed. Cosmic ray bursts have been observed with fine energy resolution. Mappings have been made of several bremsstrahlung X-ray events resulting from electron precipitation, events which varied strongly with time (flux changes by 1–2 orders of magnitude in 5–10 s) and which extended coherently over distances of several hundred kilometers. Energy spectra of precipitating electrons have been observed with peaks as narrow as 20 keV, suggesting wave-particle interactions with waves of very narrow bandwidth ( $< 1$  kHz).

Collimated (20 and 60 arc sec FWHM) and uncollimated X-ray spectrometers of The Aerospace Corporation and the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) record solar active region and flare data with high spectral ( $\Delta\lambda \sim 10^3$ ), temporal (32 ms), and spatial resolution. About 200 solar X-ray lines have been observed. Coronal flare electron densities ( $\approx 2 \times 10^{12}$  cm $^{-3}$ ) and temperatures ( $2-20 \times 10^6$  K), differential emission measure, the number of electrons ( $\leq 2 \times 10^{30}$ ), and the plasma volume ( $\leq 2 \times 10^{26}$  cm $^3$ ) have been determined with high time resolution ( $\sim 1$  min). The spatial extent of solar active regions and flares has been determined from monochromatic X-ray maps ( $\geq 20$  arc sec). An NRL white light coronagraph monitors the plasma outflow in the sun's outer corona and into the solar wind. Frequent transient mass releases of up to  $10^{13}$  kg of solar plasma at radial velocities of up to  $10^3$  km s $^{-1}$  have been observed, widely distributed in heliographic latitude.

An aerosol monitoring experiment provided by the University of Wyoming measures the vertical extinction caused by aerosols and the concentration of ozone in the earth's stratosphere. A springtime blanket of aerosols in the boundary layer over the north polar cap of the earth has been discovered.

An NRL/Los Alamos X-ray payload is used to monitor the frequency and location of cosmic X-ray bursts. The intensity of known cosmic X-ray sources as well as of auroral X-rays is also recorded. Electrons in high-latitude auroral zones during magnetic storms and even quiet times are also detected by an Air Force Geophysics Laboratory payload. Discrete arcs and diffuse forms have been observed. Finally, a U.C. Berkeley EUV spectrometer is used to measure the intensity, spatial distribution, and time variations of radiation in the upper atmosphere. High-resolution spectroscopic studies of EUV nightglow, EUV airglow from the South Atlantic Anomaly, and tropical UV arcs have been made for the first time.

This news item was written and submitted by Peter Landecker of the Space Sciences Laboratory at The Aerospace Corporation.

### Volcano Activity Increases

The Cascade volcanoes in the Pacific Northwest may be entering a period of heightened activity, reports the U.S. Geological Survey. Seismicity and volcanic activity have increased along the northern part of the San Andreas fault, indicating additional tectonic activity. In response to these stirrings the USGS plans to expand its volcano monitoring, hazards mapping, and risk management.

This expansion includes four new starts scheduled for this fiscal year, according to Roy A. Bailey, coordinator of the Volcano Hazards Program at the USGS National Center in Reston, Virginia. Monitoring equipment will be installed on Mount Ranier (Washington), Three Sisters (Oregon), Lassen Peak (California), and Mono-Inyo (California). Seismographs, tiltmeters, and goniometers will be installed to monitor changes in these volcanoes that could signal an impending eruption. Most of these monitoring systems will be installed in July or August, Bailey said, and will remain in place for several years until a data base has been established.

Volcanic emissions of carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and hydrogen will also be scrutinized. Monitoring for radon and helium has not been included in this year's plans for monitoring systems, Bailey said.

Stirrings in the Cascades include the intense steaming of Mount Baker in 1975 and the continuing melting of glacial ice within Mount Baker's Sherman Crater; bursts of quakes near Mount Shasta and at Mount Hood; and last year's eruptions of Mount St. Helens.

USGS scientists also have observed increased earthquake activity in California during the last year and a half. This reverses the trend of relative quiet of more than a decade. "These changes are part of a larger picture of instability of the earth's crust," said Robert E. Wallace, chief scientist for the USGS Office of Earthquake Studies in Menlo Park, California.

Californians recently marked the 75th anniversary of the magnitude 8.3 San Francisco earthquake of April 18, 1906. Will the increased seismic activity lead to another similar quake? Probably not in this century, says a team of USGS scientists.

Seismicity in the San Francisco area appears to be controlled by a cycle of stress release and recovery, according to Darrel G. Hard of the USGS. He and William L. Elsworth

worth, Allan G. Lindh, and William H. Prescott recently completed an historical study of San Francisco quakes. Hard suggests that the recent return of magnitude 8 quakes may forecast the reappearance of magnitude 8 or 9 quakes in the Bay area as stress accumulates, eventually leading to the next magnitude 8 shaker. The USGS team's calculations, based on geologic and geodetic evidence, suggest that the next great quake won't be this century; the return interval of magnitude 8 quakes along the northern part of the San Andreas fault is between 130 and 180 years, they estimate.—BTR

### Energy Predictions

The course of action in energy and science policy is exceedingly unclear now that the pervasive "free market" philosophy of the Reagan administration conflicts with past practices, but a number of new revelations about the fundamentals of strategic minerals are emerging. For example, estimates of the energy demand projected for the United States to the year 2000 have suddenly been scaled downward by about 20% in numerous published reports. The Department of Energy recently revised its Year 2000 Energy Demand downward by 20 Quads, to 102 Quads (1 Quad =  $10^{16}$  BTU, which multiplied by 252 equals calories). Other estimates within and outside of the federal government range as low as about 60 Quads for the demand in 2000.

This outcome makes it apparent that while there is new optimism about obtaining solutions to the energy and resource problems, the solutions may not be those proposed by the administration to increase supply. Conservationists are entering the fray with studies and estimates of their own, as witnessed by recent reports by the National Audubon Society, the Mellon Institute, and many other groups.

Historically, the inertial swings of supply and demand of resources have been damped by increased productivity, with or without the support of the federal government. A good example was described recently by P. J. Kakela, in a paper titled "Iron Ore: From Depletion To Abundance" (*Science*, 212, 132–136, 1981). Kakela quotes a passage from the December 1945 issue of *Fortune* magazine about the World War II depletion of iron ore reserves in the Mesabi Range:

Out of this tiny strip the steel-age economy has sucked like milk from the earth mother's breast, by far the largest portion of the principal food out of which its bones and muscles have been built: its machines and tools, its buildings and bridges, its railroads and automobiles and generating plants. Blasted and gouged from the strip's awesome open pits and scattered underground mines came a full two-thirds of the iron ore for the 400-odd million tons of steel out of which the U.S. fashioned the war plants, ships, planes, tanks, guns, bombs, and shells of World War II.

In projections for these final two decades of the 20th century, iron is not even listed with the strategic minerals in critical supply (aside from fossil fuel mineral resources, nonfuel reserves of the ores of Ti, Cr, Mn, Co, and Pt are considered in critical supply and the supply is vulnerable—*Science*, 212, 304, 1981). The point is that supply was considered the driving factor. The Reagan administration's approach to the energy problem is similarly focused on increasing the supply to meet the growing demand, but of course the Reagan plans include only the free-market influence without government assistance; particularly without regulation. Now, the picture of the U.S. energy demand appears to be very different than it was even a few months ago. More careful analyses from many sources suggest that total demand will be reduced steadily through the next two decades by conservation, especially by improved efficiency of converting fossil fuels to usable heat and energy, and by the improved development of renewable energy sources. New terms such as "low-energy policy" are being used widely. For example, L. Emmer states:

... least-cost strategy ... you'll be hearing that phrase more often. The ... well-crafted studies are making remarkable inroads into traditional thinking on energy matters. Even Reagan's Insider, Office of Management and Budget director David Stockman, emphasized with well-turned phrases has sprinkled "least-cost strategy" through some recent speeches. And big oil companies, more enamored with the bottom line than the clever phrase, also have begun to pay heed. ... (*Chem. Eng. News*, April 20, 1981).

The free marketplace affects the supply, and by allowing prices to float to high levels it also lowers demand. The supply will be supported for the short run by new exploration (U.S. *Geol. Surv. Open-File Rep.*, 81–92, 1981). For the longer term, the lowering of demand offers a new perspective out of the dilemma. Part of the reason for the low-cost, low-energy predictions have met a favorable response lately is that the demand, as judged by the gasoline, has begun what could be a long-term decline in the United States and elsewhere. Improved efficiency already begun to affect the transportation system, and not unrealistic to expect that it will affect heating and electrical generation plants.

According to reports cited by R. A. Kern in *Science* (427–429, 1981), both pure statistical and geological estimates of the oil yet to be found in the United States are optimistic. The uncertainty of the estimates made by the Geological Survey is high. The estimates are long-term guesses based on subjective methods, and thus the geophysical community means that increased drilling and exploration will be continued for a long time. The relevance of energy resources such as hydro-

lar, wind, geothermal, breeder-reactor, fusion/nuclear, and even biomass have been downgraded for the short term but now appear to have gained validity as prospects for the long term. In each instance, significant technology gains are required to bring the renewables on-line (except for hydro), but predictions now are that the gains will be made. In most instances the increases in supply of renewable energy resources over the next 20 years are expected to be on the order of 300% of what they are today.—PMB

### OSCAR: The Acid Rain Project

The Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy are jointly undertaking a project to evaluate the causes and effects of precipitation caused by coal smoke in the atmosphere. OSCAR (oxidation and scavenging characteristics of April rain; *Chem. Eng. News*, April 20, 1981, p. 26) is the acronym for a program to track acid rain from its origin to downwind locations. Several aircraft and several tens of precipitation samplers are located throughout North America to collect data.

The study is concentrated in an area near Ft. Wayne, Ind., an area in a strategic position to receive emissions dissolved and otherwise incorporated in rain thought to originate from the coal-burning plants in the Ohio river valley region. Other sites to be sampled are in the eastern United States and in Canada. If the plants do indeed contribute to the acid condition, this study will document the effect.—PMB

### Lunar Rocks Available for Study

Lunar rocks and soil samples have been made available for scientific examination and for educational study to researchers other than the selected few that NASA supports as part of its primary mission analysis. Universities may now obtain on loan exquisite sets of the Apollo samples simply by asking. The sets consist of thin-section mounts from the lunar sample collection and, as such, constitute valuable pieces of a national treasure. The loan of these sections carries an unusual responsibility, which is also an unusual opportunity.

The 12 thin sections of each set are from six rocks and four soils selected to provide a reasonable sampling of the range of materials returned from the moon. A guidebook accompanies the thin sections and provides a brief introduction to lunar surface features, lunar rock types, and lunar minerals; it also contains a lunar bibliography. The guidebook also describes the thin sections, relates them to the rocks or soils they represent, and attempts to fit them into a broad picture of the moon's evolution, what we have learned of it, and what unsolved problems remain.

There are two thin sections of mare basalts: one is low in  $\text{TiO}_2$  and is porphyritic, with phenocrysts of olivine and pyroxene; the other is high in  $\text{TiO}_2$  and coarse-grained, with a substantial amount of ilmenite. There is one thin section of a lunar plutonic rock: an anorthosite that has been crushed to form a cataclastic texture. There are three thin sections of polymict breccias that result from the fragmentation, mixing, and heating associated with impacts on the lunar surface. Breccias like these comprise the bulk of the rocks that occur in the heavily cratered lunar highlands. The three breccias represent the range of matrix textures that develop from impacts: one contains glass in the matrix; a second contains a fine-grained, igneous-textured matrix typical of crystallization from impact-melts; and the third contains an equant, granular-textured matrix typical of crystallization in the solid state. Clasts in these breccias represent basalts, plutonic rocks, and other breccias.

There are six thin sections of lunar soil, chosen to display several features. Two thin sections are of one grain-size fraction of two highland soils. One soil is mature and rich in agglutinates and the other soil is immature and poor in agglutinates. Three thin sections are of different grain size fractions from one mare soil. A range of glass, lithic, and mineral fragments occur in these five sections, which taken together illustrate differences between highland and mare soils as well as variations in components among different grain-size fractions of a single soil. The final thin section is of orange glass, an example of a lunar pyroclastic deposit.

There are 32 sets of thin sections available for distribution to educational institutions. At present it is possible to obtain the thin-section packages for reasonable lengths of time at nearly any time period that is convenient for one's class schedule. Information on the thin-section educational package or the lunar sample program in general can be obtained by writing to Lunar Thin Section Educational Program, Office of the Curator, SN2, NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX 77058 or by calling (713) 483-3274.—PMB

### Fulbright Award Opportunities

More than a dozen opportunities are available to geophysicists in the 1982–1983 Fulbright Awards program for United States scholars to study abroad. The lecturing and research awards are listed in a new brochure published by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars. Geophysics-related opportunities are also available in geography, engineering, and technology.

The majority of grants are for the academic year in the host country. All are subject to availability of funds and changes in program priorities.

The deadline for applications for positions in the Americas, Australia, and New Zealand is June 1; deadline for positions in Africa, Asia, and Europe is July 1. Applicants must be U.S. citizens at the time of application. For a copy of the brochure, write the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 11 Dupont Circle, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036.

### AGID Gets New Home

The Association of Geoscientists for International Development (AGID), in February, opened new global headquarters at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in Bangkok, Thailand. Prinya Nutalaya is AGID's president.

Housed in AIT's geotechnical division, AGID leaves its old home in Caracas, Venezuela. The former secretariat, under the direction of Alirio Bellizzi, now operates as a regional office for Latin America and the Caribbean. A new regional office for Africa also has been established at Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria.

Inquiries about AGID should be addressed to headquarters: AGID, Asian Institute of Technology, Box 2754, Bangkok, Thailand.

### NASA, NOAA Administrators Nominated

President Ronald Reagan recently said he intended to nominate James Montgomery Beggs as NASA Administrator and John V. Byrne as NOAA Administrator. These two positions are key scientific posts that have been vacant since the start of the Reagan administration on January 20. The President also said he intends to nominate Hans Mark as NASA Deputy Administrator. At press time, Reagan had not designated his nominee for the director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

The nominations must receive approval from Capitol Hill before they become effective. This process can take up to several weeks.

Beggs has been executive vice president for aerospace and a director of the General Dynamics Corp. in St. Louis, Mo. He served with NASA in 1968–1969 as associate administrator for the Office of Advanced Research and Technology. From 1969 to 1973, he was Undersecretary of Transportation. He went to Summa Corp. as managing director of operations and then joined General Dynamics in January 1974. Before joining NASA, he had been with Westinghouse Electric Corp. for 13 years. If confirmed, Beggs will succeed Robert Froesch.

Byrne has held various positions at Oregon State University since 1960. He was professor and chairman of the oceanography department from 1968 until 1972, when he became the dean of the School of Oceanography. He was acting director of the Marine Science Center for 5 years until 1977. He was the dean for research from 1977 through 1980. He has been the vice president for research and graduate studies since 1980. Byrne also was program director for physical oceanography from 1966–1967 at the National Science Foundation. If confirmed, Byrne will succeed Richard Frank.

Mark, Reagan's nominee for NASA Deputy Administrator, served as Secretary of the Air Force from July 1979 to 1981. He had served as undersecretary since 1977. He was chairman of the nuclear engineering department at the University of California at Berkeley and administrator of the Berkeley Research Reactor from 1964 to 1969. He joined the Ames Research Center in 1969.—BTR

### Geophysicists



Peter M. Banks, head of the Utah State University physics department, will be presented with the Space Science Award of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Edward S. Epstein has been appointed director of the Environmental Sciences Laboratory of the National Earth Satellite Service. Epstein had directed the National Climate Program office within the Department of Commerce since 1978.

John N. Howard retired in late March after 17 years as chief scientist of the Air Force Geophysics Laboratory at the Hanscom Air Force Base in Massachusetts. He will continue to work half-time as senior scientist at Hanscom for approximately 1 year.



Anand Prakash, a water resources engineer, has been appointed senior engineer at the Dames & Moore Denver office. He joined the firm in 1980. Prakash's most recent project was an investigation of alternative rehabilitation methods for the Rio Blanco hydropower plant in Puerto Rico.

### Geophysical Events

This item comprises selected reprints from *SEAN Bulletin*, 6(3), March 31, 1981, a publication of the Smithsonian Institution.

#### Volcanic Activity

**Mount St. Helens Volcano, Cascade Range, southern Washington, USA (46.2°N, 122.18°W).** All times are local (GMT–8 h). March eruptive activity from Mt. St. Helens was limited to occasional emission of small steam clouds, at least one of which contained ash. However, significant deformation was measured within the crater, and there was a slight increase in volcanic seismicity during the second half of March. Geologists announced that another eruptive episode was likely if the deformation and seismic trends continued, but none had occurred by SEAN's April 8 press time.

The U.S. Geological Survey–University of Washington seismic net recorded 15 bursts of seismicity in March and five more bursts during the first 6 days of April. In the past, similar signals have often been correlated with episodes of steam emission, but because of poor weather, correlations with only two such episodes could be confirmed in March: a minor puff on March 9 at 1549, and a steam cloud containing some ash on March 27 at 1441. Newly fallen ash (made up of reworked dome material) observed NE of the volcano March 25 may have been ejected during a burst of seismicity the previous day.

The seismic net began to detect small, low-frequency, shallow events on Mt. St. Helens on March 21. Fifteen of these discrete volcanic events were recorded by the end of March. Numerous aftershocks of the magnitude 5.5 tectonic event, which occurred February 13 about 12 km N of Mt. St. Helens, continued to appear on seismic records through March.

Deformation measurements showed that outward movement of the N crater rampart resumed in March. Between March 9 and 17, the rampart moved 7 cm to the N; by March 22 it had advanced 6 cm farther northward; and an additional 3.5 cm of movement was measured March 24.

A newly established leveling net on the crater floor showed pronounced uplift near the lava dome, indicating that the dome was rising. Increasing crater floor deformation was also demonstrated by accelerations in the rate of widening of a fissure from 3 mm/d to 1 cm/d and the rate of movement of a thrust fault from  $\frac{1}{2}$  cm/d to 1 cm/d by late March.

Addendum: On April 9 at about 1800, local seismicity began to increase to about one event per hour at first to about two per hour after midnight. The U.S. Geological Survey–University of Washington team issued an advisory about midnight, stating that an eruption was likely within the next day if seismicity continued to increase.

Periods of constant low-frequency seismicity became more frequent, and by 0230 on April 10, low-frequency activity was continuous. Individual events superimposed on this activity had increased to an average of six to eight per hour by 0600 and remained at this level through the day. At 0821, a small explosion produced an ash-bearing plume that rose to 4.5-km altitude. A light ashfall was reported at a ranger station 40 km to the NE. Although clouds prevented observation of the crater, a U.S. Geological Survey helicopter crew could see that this explosion had generated no pyroclastic flows.

About 1900, the pattern of seismic activity started to change. The number of discrete events dropped to four to six per hour, but these events were slightly stronger, and total seismic energy release briefly stayed about the same. However, by midnight there had been a notable decline in both the number of events and seismic energy release, and by 0200 only one to two events were being recorded per hour. Seismicity had essentially ended by 2100–2200 on April 11.

The weather cleared somewhat late April 12, and geologists were able to view the crater between 1800 and 1900. New lava extended roughly 75 m to the NNW from the pre-existing dome (extruded in three episodes in October 1980, December 1980–January 1981, and February 1981). Television station videotape taken between 1900 and 1930 showed significant additional lava extrusion. Additional information on this episode will be presented next month.

Information contacts: Don Swanson, Chris Newhall, and Susan Russell-Robinson, U.S. Geological Survey Field Office, 301 E. McLaughlin, Vancouver, Washington 98663.

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Robert Tilling, U.S. Geological Survey, Stop 906, National Center, Reston, Virginia 22092.

**Etna Volcano, Sicily, Italy (37.73°N, 15.00°E).** All times are local (GMT + 1 h). An eruption of Etna March 17–23 extruded lava from several fissures on the NNW flank. Initial estimates indicate that the main flow reached about 7.5 km in length, lava flows covered an area of about 6 km $^2$ , and about 30–35  $\times 10^6$  m $^3$  of lava were extruded at a rate of 58–70 m $^3$ /s. Damage was estimated at about \$10 million. Of the 30 historic eruptions of Etna for which location data are available, only three (1814, 1784, and 1918) occurred on the NW or NNW flanks. A detailed description of the eruption follows.

Etna began to erupt on March 17, after a 2-day swarm of about 500 earthquakes, including a magnitude 4–6 event during the morning of March 18. On March 17, at 1337, an eruption fissure opened at about 2250 m above sea level on the NW flank (near point A, Figure 1), trending approximately NW–SE. Lava fountains rose 100–200 m from this fissure, and lava flowed rapidly westward. In the next 4 hours, three more fissures opened; the first and third also trending NW, the second WNW. All showed strong lava fountaining and were the source of lava flows. As fissures

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Comparisons of photographs of Fuego taken on this expedition to ones taken by W. I. Rose, Jr., in February 1980 showed no striking physical changes in the summit region. The main areas of gas emission, on the N and the SE sides of the main crater, were the same as in 1980. (The SE area is a spatter vent from Fuego's last eruption in 1977-1978.) During the group's visit, gas was being emitted at a moderate steady rate, as in early 1980. On February 21, however, the group observed that there was a clear pulsation in the rate of emission, with a period of about 2 min. A light wind on the 21st allowed the gas plume to rise nearly vertically about 400 m above the crater. Around the crater rim there were only a few fumaroles in contrast to many in early 1980. New fumaroles had appeared around and atop an older irregular domal protrusion on the W flank of the summit.

At Acatanango there was no visible fumarolic activity around the summit or in the explosion craters from the volcano's last eruption in 1972. The geologists smelled a strong sulfur odor in the immediate vicinity of the summit craters.

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**Volcanic Activity in Nicaragua, February-March 1981.** The following is a report from Stanley N. Williams and Richard E. Stolber.

Scientists from Dartmouth College, the Nicaraguan Institute of Natural Resources and the Environment, and the Nicaraguan Institute of Seismological Investigations report the following based on their continuing cooperative observation of Nicaraguan volcanoes.

**Masaya (11.05°N, 86.15°W).** The fourth gas emission crisis of this century continues unabated. Extensive remote measurement of SO<sub>2</sub> output (by COSPEC) has revealed a greater variability in emission rates than had previously been recognized (several hundred to several thousand tons per day). The pit crater from which the gas is emitted continues to increase slowly in diameter and is strongly elongate in the NW-SE direction. Night observation of the activity was possible and confirmed the complete absence of any incandescence in the pit where lava was visible as recently as November 1978.

**Telica (12.60°N, 86.87°W).** Two flights were made over the summit crater of Telica, in mid-February and mid-March. Two large holes (each with a diameter of approximately 20-30 m) occur high on the NW wall of the crater. They are reported (by Alain Crucesot, Nicaraguan Institute of Energy) to coalesce at depth. One or both of them emit a continuous vapor plume. Occasional minor ash eruptions are reported by local people.

**San Cristóbal (12.70°N, 87.02°W).** A trend of decreasing SO<sub>2</sub> emissions had been evident since the small ash eruptions of March 1978. However, San Cristóbal has suddenly reversed this trend, after being in a heightened state of seismic activity since August 1980. In late February, SO<sub>2</sub> output increased by ap-

proximately an order of magnitude to the several thousand tons per day level of the mid-1970's. Flights over the crater in mid-February and mid-March showed evidence of considerable recent slumping in the crater formed by the eruptions of 1978, especially on the N and NW walls. Fumarolic activity was evident all over the crater but was most concentrated in the S and SE margins of the floor and in the lower parts of the walls. No new fumaroles or fissures were observed outside the 1978 crater. Night observation revealed extensive incandescence over much of the crater, even more than that observed in December at Momotombo. High gas concentrations and unstable footing prevented measurement of any fumarole temperatures. Seismic activity continued at high levels, with almost continuous harmonic tremor and at least one earthquake with magnitude greater than 2 (this occurred one week before the elevated SO<sub>2</sub> emission was detected).

**Momotombo (12.42°N, 86.55°W).** A small continuous plume continues to be released. No new measurements were made. No significant seismicity has occurred recently.

**Cerro Negro (12.52°N, 86.73°W).** A flight over the crater in mid-March revealed one area of minor fumarolic activity in the SW center region of the crater. No significant seismicity has occurred recently.

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**Poás Volcano, northwest of San José, Costa Rica (10.18°N, 84.22°W).** Activity at Poás had increased, with explosions observed September 11 and December 28, 1980. As of mid-March, the Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad and the Universidad Nacional were keeping the volcano under continuous observation. The temperature of the dome in the crater lake was 650°-750°C, and some red areas were seen along fissures in the dome. Lake water temperatures were 50°C, similar to temperatures in the fall of 1980. The pH of the lake had decreased to 0.1. Fumaroles emitted large quantities of water vapor and SO<sub>2</sub>. Many landslides had occurred in the walls of the main crater.

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Jorge Béquero Hernández, Editor, Boletín de Vulcanología, Escuela de Ciencias Geográficas, Universidad Nacional, Heredia, Costa Rica.

**Arenal Volcano, western Costa Rica (10.48°N, 84.72°W).** A lava flow, the 34th since almost continuous extrusion of lava started in 1968, continued to descend the W flank. By mid-March, the flow had divided into five lobes. Geologists noted an increase in the chlorine content of gas emitted from the summit area.

Information contacts: Same as for Poás.

## Earthquakes

Date	Time GMT	Magnitude	Latitude	Longitude	Depth of Focus	Region
Mar. 4	2158	6.5 M <sub>s</sub>	36.31° N	23.43° E	shallow	Greece
Mar. 6	1943	6.5 M <sub>s</sub>	3.93° N	85.86° W	shallow	Off the N coast of South America
Mar. 10	1516	5.7 M <sub>s</sub>	39.29° N	20.74° E	shallow	W Greece

The March 4 shock caused one heart-attack death and much damage in the S Volotia district, which was affected by the February 24-25 earthquakes. It was immediately followed by 1-m-high tsunami that covered the coastal area between Corinth and Loutraki at the end of the Gulf of Corinth. No damage or casualties were reported after the March 6 event. The March 10 earthquake in W Greece, near the Albanian border, killed two persons in rockfalls and damaged about 150 buildings in the Preveza area.

## Fireballs

**Belgium, December 8, 1980, 1838 GMT.** Pierre Vinagre, hothead of the VVS Meteor Section reported that three persons in Alesberg (Brabant) saw a fireball of magnitude -8 to -10. Its color was glistering white, its head shaped like a raindrop. From between alpha and beta Andromeda it travelled SW and vanished 15° above the horizon.

Information contact: Robert A. Mackenzie, Director, British Meteor Society, 26 Adrian Street, Dover, Kent, England CT17 9AT.

**Great Britain, December 26, 1980, 0250 GMT.** A fireball of brightness comparable to the gibbous moon was seen for 3-4 s by four observers. No further details are currently available.

Information contact: Same as for Belgium.

**Central Italy, 5 January, 1818 GMT.**

Observer: Andrea Bassanini

Location: Rome (41.9° N, 12.5° E)

Start: R.A. 12 h 30 min (± 10 min), declination +75° (± 4°)

End: R.A. 9 h 00 min (± 10 min), declination +63° (± 4°)

Duration: 0.5 s

Brightness: Magnitude -7.5 ± 1

Color: Orange-yellow

Train: Orange-yellow and very large

Information contact: Same as for Belgium.

**Western Australia, January 2, 1550 GMT (2350 Western Australian Standard Time).**

Observer: C. Willoughby

Location: Belmont, a suburb of Perth

Start: Alpha = 118°, delta = +28°

End: Alpha = 123°, delta = +41°

Radiant: Sporadic

Speed: Very slow

Duration of train: 9-10 s

Brightness: Magnitude zero to -11; it lit up the surroundings.

Color: Red at front; flared to violet-blue

Information contact: Same as for Belgium.

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merous studies have shown that trace elements seem to have been concentrated in coal because of biogenic processes. The author concludes, correctly, that the enriched trace-element concentration in coal-fired plants forms a subtle threat, both long term and short term, to the environment.

Chapter 10 continues this atmospheric theme by discussing air pollutant dispersion modeling. The author cites the three general types of models: Gaussian, transport, and stochastic. Surprising to this reviewer is the statement that the Gaussian models have very limited validity, with errors of several hundred percent being not uncommon, yet the Gaussian models are widely used and form the basis for the EPA-recommended 'off-the-shelf' models. The transport models are more rigorous and thus are mathematically more complex and usually require meteorological data that are not always available. However, the transport models also require knowledge of eddy diffusivities or 'K' values which (like the dispersion coefficient of the Gaussian models) also cannot be accurately predicted. Stochastic models, concludes the author, are both most rigorous and most adaptable, but the stochastic models are only in a developmental stage and require meteorological data that are not always available. The reader thus has to agree with the author in that there is a 'great need to develop reliable yet practical methods for quantitative prediction of the dispersion of air pollutants emitted in coal burning' (p. 201).

The third of these chapters on air pollution, 'Atmospheric Modifications,' is concerned with whether or not perturbations induced by coal-fired plants are significant depends on the magnitudes of combustion sources in comparison to natural sources of such items and the rapidly with which they are scavenged before being dispersed throughout the atmosphere. The authors note that acid rain is due to the release of both nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide that, in combination with rainwater, result in low pH and that one important method of monitoring aerosols and the deterioration of visibility on a global scale is by remote sensing from orbiting satellites. The authors present a brief summary of such monitoring with emphasis on the Nimbus-7 Atmospheric Laboratory.

Solid waste and trace element impacts are the subjects of chapter 12, and the discussion dwells heavily upon the 1978 monographs by S. Torrey, 'Trace Elements from

Coal' (*Pollution Technology Review* No. 50) and 'Coal Ash Utilization: Fly Ash, Bottom Ash, and Slag' (*Pollution Technology Review* No. 48), which preceded the proposed hazardous waste regulations under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 and the Environmental Impact statement in the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978. The author summarizes the occurrence of trace elements in coal and fly ash (including radioactive daughter products of uranium and thorium) and gives a brief review of potential health effects. He suggests that models of environmental transport and of dose-to-risk be developed and discusses the importance of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the Toxic Substances Control Act. This reviewer found the chapter to be one of the more interesting and significant ones in the book.

In Chapter 13, 'Agriculture,' the authors comment that the impact of coal residues on agricultural and forest environments depends on the distribution of such residues between solid waste (90%) and released emission products (10%). Atmospheric SO<sub>2</sub> and acid rain may have been well documented qualitatively but not so well quantitatively. Further, adverse trace-element impacts on agriculture and ecosystems will probably be of a much lower order of magnitude than impacts of sulfur oxides. On the other hand, potential benefit can be obtained from disposing of coal's solid-waste residues on agricultural and forest soils, provided that their compatibility with specific soils is determined ahead of application so that it will not be indiscriminate.

The health side of the coin is the subject of Chapter 14, whose authors do a good job of evaluating primary pollutants (SO<sub>2</sub> particulates, NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, and trace elements) and secondary ones (ozone and aerosols). Both epidemiological and controlled laboratory studies, in which both animals and humans were exposed to various pollutants, are discussed, and the authors caution the reader that epidemiological studies (which allow one to evaluate the effects of air pollution on large numbers of people over a lifetime) are, unfortunately, the most difficult to conduct. Despite these hurdles, there is some evidence that sulfur dioxide, sulfates, and particulates have some detrimental effects on the health of children and adults. This reviewer was distressed, however, with the authors' extrapolations (obscurely based) in a few places, such as their statement that 'silicosis [has been] found in coal miners as a consequence of such exposure (p. 283); 'such' may refer to one of several previous statements in that paragraph.

The authors, however, did caution us not to overestimate the carbon monoxide problem with coal-fired plants, noting that only 2% of the CO emissions in the United States are due to combustion of coal and oil, the rest being the result mostly of automobile exhaust. Furthermore, the authors state that present CO levels in our environment are low and pose little threat to our health, except in high-density traffic lanes and near improperly vented stoves, and that the CO<sub>2</sub> level in the environment today (440 ppm) has no known health effect (p. 287).

As is mentioned in the general discussion above, Chapter 15, Quantitative Public Policy Assessment, was a disappointment to this reviewer. The authors present a case study by ICAAS which 'attempted to carry out an integrated interdisciplinary assessment of air pollution abatement alternatives in the Tampa area of Florida.' (p. 28). The authors attempt to move from a proposed Air Quality Index through a broad socio-technical research program to the establishment of a quantitative scale for air quality. They use two types of public policy decision methodologies (on sulfur dioxide pollution): (1) Disaggregate Benefit/Cost Analysis, and (2) Quantitative Assessment of the Level of Risk. They merely describe how they went about the study in a very technical presentation, and this reviewer was disappointed in not seeing some conclusions or recommendations. Instead, the final section of the chapter is entitled 'The International Context'; it broadens the context, but adds little.

Capability for financing the conversion to coal by the utility industry is the subject of Chapter 16. The authors between the weak financial position caused by a combination of economic and political factors of the average utility company. Many companies simply cannot meet the capital requirements of such coal expansion. The authors recommend that utility commissions realistically analyze the situation and then allow the utility companies to charge prices which would cover the cost of capital invested.

In chapter 17, 'Coal and the States: A Public Choice Perspective,' the author, who is a political scientist, stresses his view that the implementation of a national coal policy will depend heavily upon the states, owing to traditional state powers affecting coal use and because of the state's discretionary authority in implementing federal coal policy. In formulating state coal policy, state governments will face competing and conflicting policy objectives and priorities, just as the Congress and the Administration do at the national level. The author calls for federal assistance in resolving state policy issues and urges the federal government to hold the massive new coal utilization to only a few decades; to create a target growth rate for the United States; to emphasize energy conservation by dampening demand; and to encourage greater public involvement in coal-policy formulation among the western states, where the environmental risks of coal development are especially acute. In fact, the author recommends that the federal government provide statutory authorization to federal and state agencies having surface-mining regulatory authority, so that they can 'allocate funds to public-interest groups for purposes of educating the state public on such programs.' (p. 357).

The final chapter, 'Federal Regulatory and Legal Aspects,' deals both with enacted laws and with laws under consideration by the Congress. Federal laws and regulations both encourage and constrain coal use. Good examples are provided by the regulation of such operations as mining, transportation, and power generation. Whereas the authors write about the strengths and weaknesses of laws

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on the books, they can only hazard a guess as to how far the Congress might go in modifying bills being considered. Because the authors do present their views of the potential directions of some of the alternatives before Congress, this chapter provides an air of currency to a subject that could easily have become outdated. The authors note that hazardous waste regulations under the solid waste disposal law (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976) 'show a greater inclination to encourage coal utilization at the expense of threats to environmental safety than do air and water regulations. . . perhaps . . . to prevent the arousal of public opposition to coal conversion at a time when other alternative energy sources are not available' (p. 373).

In summary, any comprehensive examination of the subject of increased coal use must give careful scrutiny not only to the individual laws but, even more importantly, to how their implementation helps in support of or in conflict with the expressed goal of increased coal use. Further, this reviewer would add, one must examine and become aware of how the regulations promulgated as extensions of those acts compound the problem.

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## Naissance d'un Ocean

J. Francheteau, D. Needham, T. Juteau, and C. Rangin, Centre Océanologique De Bretagne, Brest, France, 84 pp., 1980, \$37.00.

Reviewed by William S. F. Kidd

This paperbound, oversize but slender book is primarily a printed photographic record of the geological features recorded from the submersible *Cyana* during the CYAMEX expedition to the axis of the East Pacific Rise near 21°N. Accompanying the color pictures, which occupy about half the total space in the book, is the text with the French and English versions printed in two adjacent columns. This is not a primary scientific document, although it is a well-written and accurate summary of the surface geology. No references are given in the text, but two short lists are given at the back: one of general plate tectonic references and another of published results from previous deep submersible investigations on other segments of the oceanic spreading ridges. The approach most closely compares with an extended *Scientific American* article, with the major emphasis on the photographs.

The text has some introductory matter, including a page on the CYAMEX project, another on the history of discovery of the East Pacific Rise, two more on the features and operation of the submersible, and seven pages on the oceanic spreading ridge system, together with some pictures and several familiar-looking diagrams and maps. The main part of the text, which includes most of the pictures, is divided into three sections. These are on the creation of new ocean floor and the various volcanic features constructed there, on its early evolution away from the zone of active eruption, including fissuring, faulting, and sedimentation, and a shorter section on hydrothermal vents, the metalliferous deposits associated with them, and the fauna seen at these vents and in the area as a whole. The English text, presumed to be a translation, follows the French with remarkable accuracy and yet is mercifully unilluminated. Some very minor descriptive portions of the text have been omitted from the English in a few places and from the French in some other cases. In general, the picture captions have been less faithfully matched, and some of the more enthusiastic French ones did not survive the severe English caption writer. A picture of a mud cloud about to envelop the submersible is entitled in French 'Triomphe du sédiment', while the English only mutters prosaically about the sediment being fine-grained and easily stirred up.

## New Publications

### Coal Burning Issues

A. E. S. Green (Ed.), University Presses of Florida, Gainesville, x + 390 pp., 1980, \$10.00.

Reviewed by Allen F. Agnew

The anticipated large increase in coal utilization in Florida recently triggered a multidisciplinary assessment by more than 30 faculty and staff at the University of Florida, under the auspices of the Interdisciplinary Center for Aeronomy and (other) Atmospheric Sciences (ICAAS). The ICAAS has conducted research on atmospheric pollution for the past decade, but this book addresses many more facets related to coal burning than that.

As is noted in the preface, the book was written 'with the hope of accelerating examination of a series of critical, long-term strategic and short-term tactical options' (p. ix). Its intended audience is not named, but it could include the broad academic community, governmental leaders and staff people, especially at the state level, and interested laymen. This book, which examines the phenomena associated with the transition to coal use, is well worth reading. Like all such collections, the authors' styles and familiarity with the subject matter make it somewhat uneven reading—but not bad.

The introduction and Summary is followed by 17 chapters, which discuss coal supply, extraction, and transportation; burning technology and synthetic fuels; atmospheric pollution and health effects; water resources; solid waste and trace elements; agriculture; technological innovations; federal laws and regulations; financing; and public policy choice. Some of the chapters seem out of sequence, and one or two are detailed case histories of projects done by ICAAS for Florida—suggesting that the audience is at the state level rather than the national.

A total of 33 authors, including 13 full professors and 13 research assistants and associates, wrote the 18 chapters. Although many of the chapters were written by authors whose works are cited herein, other chapters were not. It is understandable that most universities would not have on their staff specialists familiar with each of the coal burning issues; nevertheless, this reviewer would have preferred to

see such specialists brought in, so that nuclear engineers would not have been saddled with the task of writing the chapter on coal availability and mining and the chapter on coal-burning technology.

Some chapters seem to come up short (for example, the one on quantitative public policy assessments by a physicist and a nuclear engineer). This reviewer expected a sociologically oriented treatment, rather than a detailed discussion of alternate methodologies for abating air pollution on which public policy decisions could be made.

Chapter 2, 'Coal Availability and Coal Mining,' is a brief noncritical discussion of coal characteristics, geographic distribution, domestic demand, mining and preparations, and mine safety and health.

Chapter 3, 'An Energetics Analysis of Coal Quality,' looks at coal quality and net energy yields by means of three types of models and concludes that 'most coal is of lower energy quality than oil or gas . . . [and that] the amount of useful work which can be derived from the world's coal resource is actually somewhere between 45% and 74% of current estimates' (p. 67).

The chapter on coal transportation reminds us that coal water (11%), truck (12%), and other (1%), with 11% being used at mine-mouth plants. A 1978 study by the Congressional Research Service showed that the percentages projected by the Edison Electric Institute for the years 1985 and 2000 remain the same. Future expansion of the coal transportation network, the authors state, is clouded by federal regulatory policy, which varies from almost no control in some modes to a complete roadblock to expansion in others. If the system is to be expanded, the rail mode must carry the major burden of growth, but this, however, will result in major environmental and social problems.

Coal-burning technology, the subject of chapter 5, deals mainly with concentrated use (electric utilities and large industries) and dilute use (residential). The former provides for economies of scale and for removal of pollutants, whereas the latter use presents environmental problems in populated regions. The several established techniques, and a number of experimental ones, are briefly described and are assessed by the authors, who are nuclear engineers, in contrast to most other chapters, the bibliography for this one is skimpy.

Chapter 6, 'Synthetic Fuels for Coal,' is a solid discussion of coal conversion processes, including a comparison of existing processes and their economics, as well as a section on ongoing research in this very active area. A brief description is given of three major alternatives to coal as a source of synthetic fuels: petroleum residuals, oil shale, and oil from tar sands. 'Making fuels and related products from coal will soon be attractive for other than purely economic reasons . . . [because] the products . . . are essentially pollution free' (p. 129). A very thorough set of references is included.

Technological innovation is the topic of chapter 7, and it urges us to solve the technological complexities of integrated utility systems, the economic and bureaucratic regulatory constraints of cogeneration systems, the psychological matter of public acceptance of the electric automobile for commuting, air-pollution controls, problems of waste disposal, the economics of coal cleaning, the desirability of offshore coal-fired power plants, and the coal-plant siting debate between concentrated (energy parks) or dispersed schools of thought.

Chapter 8, 'The Water Resources,' includes summary presentations on water availability and contamination potential, energy development versus other water use, and water from coal. Regarding the latter, the authors point out that 'since most lignite is mined in dry regions where water is at a premium, recovery and use of the water in lignite [which can "range up to fifty percent by weight"], could provide a significant contribution to the water required in many coal processes' (p. 167).

Chapter 9, 'Atmospheric Pollution,' outlines both actual and potential impacts resulting from increased use of coal. 'Nationwide elevated SO<sub>2</sub> trends' would be created if federal emission controls are not enforced (p. 173). The author writes of the increased nitrogen and carbon oxides that would be added to the atmosphere and expresses concern over the water vapor emissions from coal-fired plants. 'While the emissions offer no direct pollutant hazard, they may facilitate other chemical reactions within the plume or cause visibility problems' (p. 176). In writing about nitrogen, the author starts from an erroneous base, writing that 'most trace elements found in coal occur in concentrations which approximate the earth's crustal material.' Actually, the



The book is nicely printed, and it is true, as the text points out, that the pictures are remarkable and of good quality considering the constraints that cannot be avoided in obtaining color pictures on the deep-sea floor. The most visible of these constraints is the inevitable coarse grain of high-speed color film. Most of the pictures have been printed at half-page size, and in these the grain is not obtrusive, but a few at full-page size are beyond the limit of reasonable enlargement and would have been better printed at the smaller size. These include most of the few pictures included in this book that were taken from the submersible *Alvin* on a subsequent leg of the RITA project, giving a misleading impression of poorer photographic quality from this submersible. As a group, the pictures do not have the very blue tones characteristic of pictures from many submersible expeditions. I presume that this is due to subsequent filtration; it cannot be said that the colors in these or any other deep-sea photos necessarily resemble closely the colors the objects would possess in sunlight.

It is difficult to discern the audience that this document was aimed at. While it is certainly very nice to have so many pictures reproduced, and in color, the essential information from this program is or will shortly be published in reviewed journals. This book suffers from the usual major defect of most recent European publications, its high price. At a much lower price it might have found a niche, like a *Scientific American* collection of articles, in university courses in marine geology or volcanology. As it is, I think that this is a book for large or specialized libraries. Only the most avid collector of pictures of small-scale volcanic landforms, and those directly involved with detailed research on the oceanic spreading ridges will probably want to sink \$37.00 into purchasing this 84 page book. Price aside, much credit must be given to CNEO and the authors for making these pictures available. It is to be hoped that a

similar compilation can be made from U.S. submersible expeditions since Famous.

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**Climate Change and Society: Consequences of Increasing Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide**, W. W. Kellogg, R. Schware, Westview Press, Boulder, Colorado, xiii + 176 pp., 1981, \$15.00 (hardcover), \$8.00 (paperback). **Dynamics of the Upper Atmosphere**, S. Kato, D. Reidel, Hingham, Mass., xiii + 233 pp., 1980, \$29.95. **Environmental Geology**, D. R. Coates, John Wiley, New York, iv + 701 pp., 1981.

**Hydrological Data-Norden, Representative Basins, Lappträsket, Sweden, Data 1971-1974**, M. Persson, A. St. meonids (Eds.), Swedish National Committee for the International Hydrological Programme, Stockholm, Sweden, 84 pp., 1979. (Available from Swedish National Committee for the IHP, Stockholm, Sweden.) **Interactions of Energy and Climate**, W. Bach, J. Pankratz, J. Williams (Eds.), D. Reidel, Hingham, Mass., xviii + 588 pp., 1980, \$58.00 (cloth), \$26.50 (paperback). **The Last Great Ice Sheets**, G. H. Denton, T. J. Hughes (Eds.), John Wiley, New York, xviii + 484 pp., 1981, \$95.00.

**Research Digest 1980 ICW**, Tech. Bull. 117, E. W. Schlerbeek (Ed.), Institute for Land and Water Management Research, Wageningen, Netherlands, vi + 229 pp., 1980. **The United States Energy Atlas**, D. J. Cuff and W. J. Young, Free Press, New York, viii + 416 pp., 1980, \$75.00.

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